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DWR and State Water Board Announce Prop 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Packages Four Workshops Scheduled

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have issued the FINAL Proposal Solicitation Packages (PSPs) for the Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. The final PSPs for both the Planning Grants, and Implementation Grants, Step 1 programs are available on the following web sites:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/irwmgp/

http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/integregio.cfm

The intent of Chapter 8 is for projects to protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and reduce dependence on imported water. The final PSPs provide the instructions for potential applicants to apply for grants under the Chapter 8 Program, and have incorporated several comments received during the comment period held for the draft PSPs.

A series of workshops will provide potential grant applicants with assistance in preparing applications for planning and Implementation grants. The workshops will start at 10am and last until about 3pm, including a break for lunch:

March 22, 2005

California Environmental Protection Building 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Coastal Hearing Room Sacramento, CA 95814

March 30, 2005

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office

Watershed Room 1-3 895 Aerovista Place San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

April 4, 2005

California Towers Building 3737 Main Street, Suite 200 Riverside, CA 92501

April 7, 2005

Elihu Harris Building 1515 Clay Street, Auditorium Oakland, CA 94612

April 15, 2005

San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Office 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

The March 22 workshop will be web broadcast for Internet access at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast. During the broadcast, listeners may e-mail comments or questions to: dfa_grants@waterboards.ca.gov.

For more information on the final PSPs and public workshops, contact DWR's <u>Tracie</u> Billington, (916) 651-9226 or Sudhakar Talanki, SWRB, (916) 341-5434.

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